

East Central District Membership Event



Saturday, January 28, 2016

Time: 9:30 Coffee - Meeting 10 to 12:30 pm

Where: Community United Methodist Church

616 Harvey Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Phone: ~~386-252-3155~~ - Church

407-877-3099 - Linda Gustafson ECD President

Or email her lindag65@cfl.rr.com if you have any questions

Free

Speaker: Cathy Mospens

Chair of the Conference Membership

Nurture and Outreach

Most important— Learning how each unit is to report their membership to the office in New York.

PLEASE JOIN US

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU DON'T MISS THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

January 28, 2017...Membership Event (Community UMC, Daytona Beach)

March 18, 2017...Spring Day Apart (Palm Coast UMC)

July 13-16, 2017...Mission u (Bethune-Cookman University)

September 23, 2017...Mission Studies Sampler (Sanlando UMC)

October 21, 2017...District Annual Meeting (FUMC Clermont)

November 4, 2017...Conference Annual Meeting (Lakeland)



The ladies of Orange City United Methodist Women played Santa to the 75 children at the Coleman Head start School in Orange City. Each child received a gift-wrapped reading book, scribble pad and crayons. The Orange City United Methodist Women has been providing Christmas gifts to the school for many years.

In October each year, every child is given a personalized handmade pillow for naptime. Throughout the year the United Methodist Women donates magazines, paper tubes, stickers and various other items for their many activities. Pictured left to right Betty Young, Margaret Fletcher, Dee Osborne, Donna Orsini, Rosie Van Nuys, Bonnie Cary and Linda Woten.

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Sunday evening, January 8th, saw a lively gathering in the Fellowship Hall when the FUMC Winter Garden United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men met for the annual potluck dinner, election of officers and officer installation. This is the 2nd joint installation, and the plans are for it to continue to be an annual event. It was an evening with plenty of great food, lots of fun and laughter, and fellowship for all who attended.



Grace United Methodist Women of Lake Mary have donated Christmas Purses to the Safe House of Seminole for the past five years. The children of the abused women receive Christmas gifts from the community. The members of Grace United Methodist Women felt that the mothers would like a personal care gift and each year they fill the Christmas Purses with small gifts of lipstick, jewelry, scarves, etc.



The purses are filled and delivered to the Safe House in time for Christmas. Pictured are Michele Terry, on the right, and Mary Skorepa, the Manager of the Safe House of Seminole. Michele sews the many cloth purses and coordinates the project each year.

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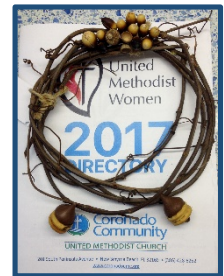
Coronado Community UMC Installation of United Methodist Women Officers



Coronado Community UMC inducted new and returning Officers to their United Methodist Women Board in early December. During the installation ceremony, ladies were reminded to stay centered and focused on the 1st phrase of our United Methodist Women purpose, TO KNOW GOD.

Each woman was given a small wreath decorated with acorns and rainbow-colored ribbons. An unknown poet said, “Each woman is like an acorn, having the heritage of strength from its source, and the seeds of strength for new growth.” As the new leaders of CCUMC United Methodist Women weaved their rainbow-colored ribbons together to form a braid, we were reminded of what each color represents.

- ❖ President: *Purple* to signify leadership
- ❖ Vice-President: *Brown* to symbolize growth
- ❖ Secretary: *Dark Blue*, the symbol of truth & loyalty
- ❖ Treasurer: *Light Blue* for honesty & truthfulness
- ❖ Secretary: *Orange* representing brilliant resources
- ❖ Nominating Chair: *Lavender* for prayerful persuasiveness
- ❖ Spiritual Growth: *White* representing the Holy Spirit
- ❖ Education: *Green* shows new growth
- ❖ Membership Coordinator: *Yellow* to remind us that everything needs sunlight to grow
- ❖ Publicity: *Black & White & Red All Over* representing not only print but a story behind each activity



It was a powerful reminder that each of us is a leader and role model. In everything we do, we set an example for others. So let's remember, if we let God's light of truth and love reflect through us, those about us will see God's beauty and be blessed. That surely is a blessing back to us!

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Be Just. Be Green. Challenge Update

The East Central District United Methodist Women Mission Team issued a challenge last year and promised more information in 2017. Well, here it is! We challenge each local unit to use the 13 United Methodist Women Principles of *Be Just. Be Green* found in the mission u study book *Climate Justice: A Call To Hope and Action*. This was one of the studies for 2016 and will be repeated in 2017. Here are the principles:

1. Accessibility
2. Affordability
3. Carbon Footprint
4. Healthy Food and Beverages
5. Just Economic Opportunities
6. Local Solidarity
7. Multigenerational Inclusion
8. Paper Use
9. Racial Justice
10. Toxin Reduction
11. Waste Reduction
12. Water Use
13. Well-being of Participants

How does the Challenge work? As you plan your meetings, look at how you can use these principles. Then keep a log of which principle(s) you have used and how you have used it. At the end of June 2017, send a report to me—Jean Gritman, 4 Crossbar Way, Palm Coast, FL 32137 or jeangritman@aol.com. You may also give it to me at Mission u. The Team will review the reports and will recognize each unit that participates at our District Annual Meeting on October 21st. And yes, there will be a prize for the unit who has used the most principles.

Jean Gritman, Social Action Coordinator

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Breakfast with Santa!

Hosted by: United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Oviedo

The First United Methodist Church of Oviedo's United Methodist Women's unit hosted their annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 3, 2016. More than 130 children had their pictures taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, made a variety of fun crafts, listened to stories read by Pastor Brian James and United Methodist Women volunteers, enjoyed a yummy pancake breakfast prepared by the United Methodist Men, and were serenaded by the Winter Springs High School Choral Group. Proceeds from ticket sales benefited Restoration Ministries for Women and Seminole County Public Schools' Families in Need. New, unwrapped toys were also collected and given to Hope Helps for needy children in our local community.



Pastor Brian James reading Christmas stories to some of our young guests.

Families having fun at one of our craft tables.



Being serenaded by the Winter Springs High School Choral Group.

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Pat Burke and Diane Bless were two of Santa's helpers.



President Cathy Howell reading stories to some of our guests.

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